(ബി) ഉണ്ടെങ്കിൽ എന്തു്?

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. കെ. അരവിന്ദാക്ഷമേനോൻ : (എ) & (ബി) ചിറ്റൂർ പുഴയിൽനിന്നു വെള്ളമെടുക്കുന്നതിനെ സംബന്ധിച്ചു് ഒരു പ്രത്യേക കരാറു് ഇല്ല. എന്നാൽ കൃഷി ആവശ്യത്തിനു് വെള്ളം കൊടുക്കുന്നതു് ഇരുഗവന്മേണ്ടുകളും അംഗീകരിച്ചിട്ടുള്ള ചില ചട്ടങ്ങളെ അനുസരിച്ചാണു്.

മിസ്റ്റർ എ. ഈച്ചരമേനോൻ : കുറച്ചുകാലം മുമ്പു് അണ ഒരു ഉയത്തണമെന്നു് ഗവന്മെണ്ടു് വിചാരിച്ചു് അതിനു് ഉത്സാഹിച്ചപ്പോൾ ബ്രിട്ടീഷുഗവന്മെണ്ടു് അതിനെ തടുക്കുകയുണ്ടായിട്ടില്ലേ ?

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. കെ. അരവിന്ദാക്ഷമേനോൻ : ഇപ്പോഴത്തെ നിലയിൽനിന്നു മാറുകയാണെങ്കിൽ അതിനു് അവരുടെ സമ്മതം കൂടിയെ കഴിയൂ എന്നുണ്ടു്. ഇതിനു ഒരു ഖരാറില്ല. സാധാരണ ഒരു നടപടിക്രമം മാത്രമാണു്.

ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS

Mr. President: There are three adjournment motions tabled. No. 1 by Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon is disallowed as it is not a matter of urgent public importance. No. 2 by Mr. A. Eachara Menon is also disallowed as it does not relate to a specific matter of recent occurrence. Motion No. 3 by Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan is also disallowed, as it does not deal with a matter of recent occurrence.

STATEMENT PLACED ON THE TABLE

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):* Sir, Under Rule 52 of the Legislative Council Rules, I beg to place on the table the following statement of expenditure authorised by Government under section 28 (1) (c) of the Government of Cochin Act, XX of 1113.

Serial No.	Head of Account	Amount Rs.	Remarks
1	**Cranganur** 12 Jails-Diet of prisoners	600	Increased expenditure necessitated by a large increase in the admission of prisoners

SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS

Rs. 7,400 under "35-Uplift of the Depressed Classes—B. Educational Supply of school requisites"

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development :)*Sir, I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 7,400 under "35-Uplift of the Depressed Classes—B. Educational Supply of School Requisites". The provision made in the current budget under "35-Uplift of the Depressed Classess Supply of school requisites" is Rs. 18,000. However, the expenditure to be incurred has very much exceeded the anticipated amount due to the abnormal increase in the price of paper, stationery articles and a complete change of almost all text books. The number of Depressed Class pupils in higher classes is also somewhat greater than in previous years. An additional allotment of Rs. 7,400 is therefore necessary under the head. I request the House may be pleased to grant the allotment.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* I want to know whether the Hon'ble Minister is going to give out of this amount to the depressed class converts.

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* We are going to give this to the depressed class pupils. If depressed class converts are included in the "Depressed Classes", they will also get it. There is a rule interpreting the words "Depressed Classes". We are extending these concessions to those classes, and whether the depressed class converts should get it or not is another question.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* The previous minister was pleased to order that the depressed class converts are not entitled to these concessions.

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Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* I cannot give it to the depressed class converts when my predecessor has passed such an order and when that order is not reversed. There is no hiding the facts. The Hon'ble Member himself is supplying the information that there is such a rule and it is quite patent that the present Minister is helpless.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* I oppose this motion. My ground is that the Hon'ble Minister is going to give a grant of Rs. 7,400 for supplying the educational requisites to the depressed class Hindus. Now, the general revenues of the State cannot be used for promoting or giving the requisites to Hindu Depressed classes. If the Hon'ble Member so wants, he can get funds from the Devaswam Department and give. So far as public funds are concerned, he cannot do it.

Mr. President: I may draw the Hon'ble Member's attention to resolution No. 7 which is coming up for discussion on this specific question.

***Mr. A. V. Moothedan** *(Chalakkudi):* If we pass this motion, what is the use of moving our resolution? Now that I have raised this point, if this is passed, that means that the resolution is passed. So these two may be discussed together. Till recently, that is about 1½ years, in our State there was no difference between depressed class Hindus, depressed class Muslims and depressed class Christians. I shall explain what I mean by all these. According to the late Minister's order, "Depressed Classes" are defined for a special purpose, that is for the purpose of educational concessions, and for the purpose of educational concessions, "Depressed Classes" do not include Muslims or Christians.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* It does not include depressed class Hindus.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Supposing the depressed class converts to Christianity are included, then depressed class converts to Muhamadanism are also to be included.

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* We have not gone into that question.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* When I came to the point, in the year 1116, the ex-Minister passed orders saying that "Depressed Classes" do not include Christians and Muslims, Budhists or others who are converts and then I brought that matter before the House by means of an adjournment motion and it was disallowed because adequate number of members did not stand up. What I say is, the House has not come to a definite decision on that point. It was done by the Minister on his own initiative. Therefore, the House has not decided this question whether the special grants should be given to the depressed class converts or depressed class Hindus. The late Minister has done that. The present Minister also is given a certain advice, because one member of the Unionist Party told me that they have advised the new Minister to undo all the orders of the previous Minister. Therefore, if advice is required, advice is given and that member even asked me to join the Unionist Party. Since that advice, one year has passed and the Minister has been in office for one year. He could have accepted the party's advice. He must have the courage to accept the party's advice. If any trouble comes, to you, I will help you to the utmost.

Then, Sir, what is the principle underlying this motion. It is a very simple matter. It is grant of educational concessions. The principle is very salutary and it is fundamental according to the Proclamation of 1858 of Queen Victoria. That is a fundamental right that the noble Queen has conferred for the people of India. Today if that noble Queen had been reigning, this Minister would not have done this. By restricting this grant to converts it comes to this. The Minister is telling to the Depressed Classes, "you should continue as Hindus and if you are converted, you will lose this concession". Therefore, this is a stimulus for depressed classes Hindus to remain as Hindus. That additional stimulus should not be given at the expense of the general funds. General funds are for general purposes, not for a particular purpose, not for a particular religion. Therefore, I would request in so far as the House has not decided this question, that for the sake of communal amity, for our common good, there should not be such discrimination between Hindus, Muslims and others, and that very salutary principle has been followed by our ancient rulers. Now, we have got responsible Government, and these troubles arise. Anyway, the ancient things are better. Therefore, we may go back to the old times. I shall point out what is happening in Madras. Over 75 per cent are Hindus. The educational concessions are to last for 3 generations.

Khan Sahib Y. Muhammad Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):* The Depressed Classes are defined under Scheduled Communities.

*Speech not corrected by the hon'ble member.

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Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* Only regarding the educational concessions, the rule has been changed. So far as the depresaed classes in Travancore are concerned, they have passed a very complicated rule which I cannot understand. For the sake of communal friendship, amity and progress, let us go back to our old custom. The House may consider this question in a very unbiassed way.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* I rise to support the motion for grant. Though I agree fully with most of what Mr. Moothedan has been saying, I do not think it necessary to withhold this grant, because the question of continuing of the concessions used to be given before, has not yet been decided. Mr. Devassy has tabled a resolution in this House which is coming up for discussion probably today or tomorrow. That occasion can be taken by this House and also by the Hon'ble Member for Chalakkudi to discuss this at fuller length. I may also add that the previous President of this House, I mean Sir R. K. Shanmukham Chetti, in his reply given to a question of mine on the 3rd April 1941, has said that the matter will be re-considered again in the light of a special resolution of this House. I will quote the very words of his—"If the House passed a judgment on that certainly Government will consider that." This matter may better be taken up in view of the ruling of a late President that that may be considered at a full-fledged debate emanating from the resolution of Mr. Devassy. I hope Mr. Moothedan will not press the motion.

Mr. President: I may remind Hon'ble Members that that statement has been made by the present President a few minutes ago.

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* I do not think my Hon'ble friend Mr. Moothedan will expect any definite reply on the issues raised by him. According to me that question is quite beyond the purview of the motion that is moved. The Hon'ble Member will understand that this House, while the order passed by the ex-Minister was in existence, allotted a certain amount for the Uplift Department. Thus, Rs. 18,000 was granted by this House.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* On a point of information, without interruption. There was no time for discussion of the budget.

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* If it is such a burning question, you could have found time. The budget is passed and I am asking only for an additional allotment of Rs. 7,400. I do not think I must answer the other point. There is a resolution tabled by Mr. Devassy and the House can discuss that matter and come to a definite conclusion and then it will be up to the Government to consider. Again, I request the Hon'ble Member to withdraw the opposition, because I have already to pay Rs. 7,400 for the supply of school requisites already supplied to the students and I would request the House to grant this allotment.

Demand put and carried

2. Rs. 500 under "23—Ayurveda cost of medicines"

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* Sir, I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 500 under "23—Ayurveda—cost of medicines". In some villages in the Chittur, Talappalli and Trichur Taluks anti-malarial work has to be undertaken. Labourers employed in Chalakkudi Irrigation project have also to be supplied with anti-malarial specific. Quinine is unavailable in the market in the required quantities. Hence treatment for Malaria is being done on Ayurvedic lines. The Ayurvedic substitute is in fact much cheaper also. The anti-malarial specific has to be manufactured on a large scale and distributed in different places of the State according to demand. The cost involved for the purpose is Rs. 500. The item could not be anticipated at the time of the preparation of the budget. Reappropriation from other heads is also not possible. Hence an additional allotment of Rs. 500 under "23 Ayurveda—Cost of Medicines" is necessary.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural):* Is the medicine given free?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* Yes.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural):* Through what agency?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* Through Panchayats, Ayurveda Vaidyasalas, Municipalities, etc., and there is already a physician who will visit these places and give necessary advice.

Demand put and carried

3. Rs. 420 under "35—Uplift of the Depressed Classes—B. Educational—Maintenance of Depressed Class Hostels"

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* Sir, I rise to move for an additional

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